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CIVILIAN OPERATIVES MIS

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CIVILIAN OPERATIVES (MIS)

NAME OF UNIT

(Mrs) Raymunda G. Abila

UNIT COMMANDING OFFICER

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1. Complaints
 2. Investigating Officer's Notes
 3. Recognition request, ltr, dtd, 11 March 1946, w/1st Indorsement ltr, HAP dtd, 14 March 1946.
 4. Ltr of acknowledgement dtd 21 March 1946 - (HAP)
 5. Ltr of acknowledgement dtd 10 May 46 - (Mrs. Raymunde Abila)
 6. NFC ltr, Hq PHILRYCOM, dtd, 6 Feb 1947, w/TLR - Lt. Enton

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G-3 File No. GSC PU 091 PI : 3 February 1947
SUBJECT: Recognition, Request for :
FROM: Raymunda Guidote-Abila, 20 Sierra Madre, Q.C. : Letter

CROSS REFERENCES

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2nd Lt James R. Benton : : :
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

Col Gerald F. Lillard:
1. Civilian Operatives, (MIS), consisting of 29 members, has not been favorably considered. No members have previously been recognized. This is an initial investigation of an initial roster.
2. This unit does not fulfill the requirements of the five basic points for recognition. See attached Team Leaders' Report.
3. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit.
4. There are no members worthy of recognition and the unit suffered no casualties.

James R. Benton
2nd Lt. James R. Benton
1. Concur: Major C. H. Wentzell
Chief, Unit Investigations Section
2. Concur: Lt Col. S. J. Palos
Chief, Unit Branch

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINES-RYUKYU COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 707

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6 FEB 1947

Mrs. Raymunia Guidote-Abila
20 Sierra Madre
Quezon City, P. I.

SD-2-7-47

Dear Mrs. Abila:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Civilian Operatives (MIS), purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the record of this unit. After careful investigation and full consideration of all substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- e. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.
- f. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.
- g. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.

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It is requested that you comply with the provisions of Executive Order No. 68, by the President of the Philippines, dated 26 September 1945, copy attached.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. CANTRELL
CAPTAIN, AGD
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

1 Incl:
Executive Order No. 68

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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Mrs. Reynanda Guidote-Abila
20 Sierra Madre
Quezon City, P. I.

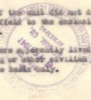
Dear Mrs. Abila:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the Civilian Operatives (CIV), purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

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REPORT ON " CIVILIAN OPERATIVES (MIS) "

1. On 30 January 1947, 2nd Lieut. James R. Benton, examined the request for recognition and the records of Civilian Operatives (MIS).

2. ALLEGED HISTORY: See attached unit file.

3. FINDINGS:

a. It was not necessary to interview any persons during this investigation.

b. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence. It is true that there is contained in the attached unit file a letter from Major General R. Jalandoni, PA, recommending favorable consideration for Mrs. Raymunda Abila's unit; however, it must be noted that this is all of the supporting evidence that was submitted to this office along with the subject unit's request for recognition and the attached rosters. There is no record of service contained in the attached unit file and it is the opinion of the investigating officer that the above mentioned letter is not, within itself, sufficient acceptable evidence to substantiate the unit's record of service.

c. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy because they were not organized for that purpose. It was a civilian organization.

d. A definite organization was not established because this was a civilian organization and was never organized for military purposes.

e. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its commanding officer because she was arrested by the Japanese on 19 July 1942, and was confined in Fort Santiago for the subsequent eight (8) months and there is no evidence to the effect that her unit conformed to the five basic points required for recognition either before, during or after she was in prison.

f. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization because neither the commanding officer nor her subordinates ~~did~~ showed any outstanding achievement accomplished during the occupation or submitted any definite evidence tending to establish resistance against the Japanese.

g. No useful purpose will be accomplished by further investigation of this unit. There are no members worthy of recognition and the unit suffered no casualties.

4. POLITICAL ASPECTS: The unit apparently has no political affiliations or aspirations.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Civilian Operatives, (MIS), be not favorably considered for recognition.

James R. Benton
JAMES R. BENTON
2nd Lt., INF

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TO : Date : REMARKS

~~Pl Bennett~~ : 30 Jan : _____ (1) _____ JRB

MAJ WENTZELL : _____ : _____

Mrs. M. : 1/2 : T-10-7 _____ CTRW

Maj Wentzell : 2/2 : Complied with. _____ ppm

Maj. Wentzell : 1/2/47 : Consented in _____ OSNRB

Lt Benton : 4/2 : 1-8-7 _____ CTRW

~~Maj. Wentzell~~ : 4 Feb : X-1-X _____ JRB

Capt. Under : _____ : _____ JTB

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W. J. ... : 2/5 : Dispatched _____ JTB

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

AFPO 707

Mrs. Raymunda Abila
20 Sierra Madre
Quezon City, Manila

10 May 46

Dear Mrs. Abila:

Your request for recognition of unit under your nominal control has been received by this headquarters.

Your application for individual recognition has been filed in this headquarters pending further investigation. A great number of similar applications requiring investigation have been received and a considerable delay is to be expected before final action in your case. However, your application will receive attention at the earliest practicable date and you will be informed promptly when a decision is reached.

It is suggested that you defer inquiry regarding the status of your application for at least 60 days. Such inquiries are neither necessary nor desirable because the time consumed in additional correspondence and interviews serves to delay final disposition.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. MOORE
Colonel AGS
Ass't Adj Gen

Lt. Col. H. L. Shaftco:

1. Request for recognition of Mrs. Raymunda Abila and her unit, with roster has been placed in our files pending investigation by a contact team of this unit.
2. Receipt has been acknowledged to HPA.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES WESTERN PACIFIC
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

AFG 707
23 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Letter of Acknowledgement

TO : Chief of Staff, Philippine Army, AFG 75.

1. This will acknowledge receipt of Request for recognition of Mrs. Raymunda Abila and her unit.

2. This request has been placed in our files pending investigation.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL STIER:

M/R

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BASIC:

Ltr fr Mrs. Raymunda Abila dtd 11 Mar 46 requesting for recognition of guerrilla activities.

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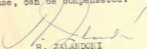
HEADQUARTERS PHILIPPINE ARMY, APO 75, 14 March 1946

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707.

1. Strongly recommend favorable consideration.

2. The underground activities of Miss Raymunda Guidote, now Mrs. Raymunda Guidote-Abila, and her unit against the enemy during and after the Bataan campaign and until she was caught and confined in Fort Santiago for over eight (8) months on 19 July 1942, are very well-known facts to the members of the USAFFE. It is also a well-known fact to the people in Manila especially, that during her confinement in Fort Santiago, the activities of her unit never ceased. On the contrary, they were pushed through more vigorously under the leadership of her sisters.

3. In justice to Mrs. Guidote and the members of her unit, therefore, it is believed that due recognition in this particular case is well merited and hence this recommendation. By this recognition alone, the sacrifices and privations they suffered in behalf of the common cause, can be compensated.


R. JALANDONI
Major General, Philippine Army
Chief of Staff

Incl:
As stated in basic ltr.

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PENDING

20 Sierra Madre
Quezon City
11 March 1946

To: MAJOR GEN. RAFAEL JALANDONI
Chief of Staff, P.A.
HPA, Manila

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that Lt. Leonardo Jimenez, C.O. of the Manila unit of the MIS seems to have forgotten, or refuses to acknowledge the valuable help rendered him and his unit by patriotic civilian operatives, I am forced to write this letter in the interest of those agents whose services merit recognition.

For your information, the activities of this unit of which I was a member consisted of intelligence for the USAFFE in Bataan and Corregidor, via couriers and transmitter, from February 1942 to May, 1942, up to the fall of the Rock.

USAFFE officers well aware of our unit's operations were:

- 1) Maj. Gen. Guillermo Francisco
- 2) Brig. Gen. Simeon de Jesus (deceased)
- 3) Brig. Gen. Vicente Lim (deceased)
- 4) Brig. Gen. Manuel A. Roxas
- 5) Col. Jose P. Guido (deceased)
- 6) Col. Emmanuel Baja (deceased)
- 7) Col. Gabriel
- 8) Maj. Maceda

Attached is a list of the names of our operatives as far as I can recall.

Hoping these men and women who worked for the Cause will be given due recognition, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Raymunda Guidote-Abila
(Mrs.) Raymunda Guidote-Abila

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INCOMPLETE LIST OF CIVILIAN OPERATIVES OF THE MIS (Manila Unit), which was cited by Gen. Wainwright in his "Memoirs":

MESSAGE CENTER:

- 1) Raymunda Guidote (in charge), concurrently disbursing officer of the unit.
- 2) Caridad C. Guidote
- 3) Josefina Guidote-Bocalbos
- 4) Dr. Paz C. Guidote
- 5) Pilar Reyes

SIGNAL CORPS:

- 1) Mauricio Guidote (in charge), also financier.
- 2) Rodolfo Nocum, P.A. (operator)
- 3) Vicente Fideles, P.A. (technician)
- 4) Mariano Campos, P.A. (operator and courier)
- 5) Victoriano Bautista, P.A. (orderly)

CONTACT POINTS:

- 1) House of Carmen Cecilio Vda. de Reyes (Evangelista St.)
- 2) House of Vicente Cecilio Vda. de Guidote (Legarda St.)

OPERATIVES AND COURIERS:

- 1) Madki Alonto and 12 sub-agents.
- 2) Renato Constantino and sub-agents.
- 3) Dr. Angel Reyes
- 4) Ricardo Ramirez
- 5) Rogelio C. Reyes
- 6) Castor Raval
- 7) Benjamin Osias
- 8) Jose C. Guidote
- 9) Mario Basa
- 10) Jose Maria Basa
- 11) Teofilo Pilonos
- 12) Joaquin Torres
- 13) Pablo Velarde
- 14) Inocencio Velarde
- 15) P.T. Carrion

FINANCIERS:

- 1) Mrs. Vicenta Cecilio Vda. de Guidote
- 2) Mauricio Guidote

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND HELP:

- 1) Dr. Agerico Sison, PGH.
- 2) Dr. Wenceslao Pascual, Malabon.

NOTE:

PA men herein mentioned deserve due consideration for services rendered beyond the call of duty.

Raymunda Guidote - Abila

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